Use the websites provided at <http://abingdonworldhistory.wikispaces.com/> to answer the questions below. (Click on Greece and Rome tab on the left of the page to access links.)

1. Describe the Colosseum.

2. How many people did it hold?

3. Who had it built? What year did it open?

4. The “venatio” was the hunt. What all did they hunt in the Colosseum?

5. What were some forms of execution used at the Colosseum?

6. Were women allowed to fight in the Colosseum?

7. Where did they keep the animals used in the Colosseum?

8. Who were the gladiators usually?

9. Could free men be gladiators? Why would they want to be a gladiator?

10. Would you have wanted to be a gladiator during the Roman Empire? Why or why not?

11. Would you have gone and watched the events in the Colosseum during the Roman Empire? Why or why not?

12. Two emperors were known to have appeared in contests in the Colosseum. Who were they?